



United Methodist Women Uwharrie District News

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President's Message: Continuing to "Grow Together in Mission"

"The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church." This year the district goal is to "Grow together in Mission." We want to increase our membership through new units as well as in our continuing units. We want to increase giving of our time, our talents, our service and our tithes. To serve globally requires time and money to reach women, children and youth around the world.

We want to grow the seeds of faith, hope and love as we, ourselves grow spiritually. We want to become more aware of mission projects and opportunities for service. We can do this by participating in the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska and at Mission u at Pfeiffer University in June and July. District events also provide similar opportunities. The Reading program offers many books and other reading material related to our areas of mission.

**No matter how few we are,
we can do all things through
God who gives us strength.**

Following the guidelines in Mission Today and Justice Today will help

you achieve these goals. If you need help with either of these contact your Nurturing Partner for assistance. Help is a phone call or an email away!

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I have heard from many of you who say your unit is small or getting older. Just because your unit is small or aging does not mean that you are not needed or cannot participate in the programs for United Methodist Women. After all, 145 years ago our foremothers founded our predecessor organization which has become the largest women's organization in the world whose purpose is mission. There were only six of them and they continue to inspire us today. Units have many options for organizing and arranging meetings that will meet your needs. Call us for assistance and continue to pray for guidance. "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." (Matthew 18:20) No matter how few we are, we can do all things through God who gives us strength. With God all things are possible. (Matthew 19:26, Philippians 4:13)

Emily Johnson, President

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June 13-14
Spiritual Growth Retreat
Lake Junaluska

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June 18-22
WNC Annual Conference
Lake Junaluska

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June 28
Walk to Mission for Randolph
Randolph Mall Asheboro

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July 12
Walk to Mission for Union
Monroe Crossing, Monroe

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July 17-20
Mission u
Pfeiffer University



United Methodist Women

Our Vision

Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

Our Purpose

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Our Focus

From its beginning, United Methodist Women has focused on ministries with women, children, and youth.

The One Letter Difference

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Do you know why Mission u is spelled with a lower case "u"? It is to reflect a direct connection to you as an individual person. It's the way people use "u" as a personal pronoun in electronic media like texting and Twitter.

Did you notice that the title to our UMW magazine is response... not Response? In May 2010 response magazine changed its design and layout. The change to a lower case "r" was part of the redesign. It is intended to make the magazine more welcoming and friendly. If you have not read response lately, you should! It has made some wonderful changes.

Thoughts from Mission Education & Interpretation

Thank you for your commitment to UMW. We collected 389 Health Kits at the Mission Study. These kits had a monetary value of \$4668 + the monetary donations made. Thank you again.

2014 marks the 145 years United Methodist Women have been in Mission. We would like to celebrate this by increasing our giving to Mission by 14.5%. For a member who

pledges \$10, the increase would be \$1.45; or \$11.45.

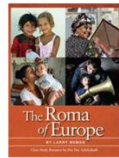
Continue to strive to be a Mission Today Unit. Any questions on how to reach this goal may be directed to me or any other District officer.

Remember Mission u coming up in July!

Irene Ward, Mission Education & Interpretation

Mission u

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Spiritual Growth Study: "How Is It With Your Soul?"

Social Issue: "The Church & People with Disabilities"

Geographical Study: "The Roma"



News from Nominations

Your Nominating Committee has met twice this year and are working hard to find candidates for leadership positions in our district. Our June deadline for completing a slate of officers for 2015-2016 is approaching and we need your help. We are sure you have enjoyed the district events this year and you have seen our present team in action. At some point, did it occur to you that they reminded you of someone you know? Why don't you ask that person if they are willing to become involved at the

district level or perhaps they have served the district in the past and are willing to return? Just get in touch with one of the nominating committee members and give us contact information and we will do the rest. We have several opportunities available and encourage your support. The committee is planning to attend the District Prayer Breakfast and we are looking forward to your response!

Shirley McAnulty, Chairperson Committee on Nominations

Knowledge is Power

Are there members of your unit who don't quite know what is going on? Please share the information you read and let us know if there is someone who would like to be added to our list.

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and click on the button that says, "Join our email list". From there you will input your email address and be able to update your subscription preferences. To receive a hardcopy contact me at gingerhightower@gmail.com or 704-628-0102.

Ginger Hightower, Communications

Your Nurturing Partners

To Nurture (verb): to care for and encourage the growth or development of. Find your 2014 Nurturing Partner below and their contact information to the right and on page 3. If you have not heard from them and need anything please do not hesitate to contact them. They are here to help you and your unit.

Betty Jo Armfield

- Charlotte
- Franklinville
- Rehobeth

Cheri Barker

- Bethel, Wadesboro
- First, Wadesboro
- Gilboa
- Hopewell
- Marshville
- Morven
- Pleasant Hill

Carolyn Briggs

- Bethany, Lexington
- Greer's Chapel
- Linwood
- Cotton Grove
- First, Lexington
- Macedonia
- Mt. Carmel, Lexington
- Tyro

Ginny Champion

- Bethlehem, Gold Hill
- Cleveland
- Milford Hills
- Mt. Tabor
- Zion

Shelby Ford

- First, Norwood
- Loves Chapel
- Mt. Moriah
- Oak Grove
- Prospect
- Union Chapel

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- Central, Spencer
- Christ
- Gay's Chapel
- Woodleaf
- Coburn Memorial

Ginger Hightower

- Loves Grove
- Matton's Grove
- Oakboro
- Palestine
- Peachland
- Stony Hill
- Wesley Chapel

Betty Hunt

- Central, Asheboro
- Pisgah
- West Bend

Emily Johnson

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- Grays Chapel
- McCrary Chapel
- Pleasant Hill, EC
- Seagrove

Kelly Sykes

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- Bethany, Albemarle
- Central, Monroe
- Fountain Hill
- Lilesville
- Mount Vernon
- Olivet

Pat Langley

- Central, Denton
- Reeds
- Wesley Heights

Sarah Lee

- Badin
- Cedar Grove
- First Street
- Friendship
- Green Memorial
- Mt. Zion
- Randall

Deborah Matthews

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- Clarksbury
- Jordan Memorial
- Piney Grove
- Pleasant Hill, Seagrove
- St. Luke
- Tabernacle, Trinity

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- First, Asheboro
- Flag Springs

Marvene Surratt

- Alleghany
- Cannan
- Chapel Hill
- Cid
- Fairview

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- Liberty
- Main Street, Salisbury
- Providence
- Rockwell

Dixie Tyson

- Bethlehem, Monroe
- Central, Albemarle
- Main Street, Albemarle
- Porter
- Tabernacle, Albemarle
- Wingate

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- New London
- New Mt. Tabor
- Salem
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Springtime & Spiritual Growth go Hand in Hand

When you read this, The Uwharrie District Prayer Breakfast is over. You have had the opportunity to surround yourself with United Methodist Women praising God in worship, song, and in prayer. Janet Morgan gave us a most inspiring talk (6000 miles and a bag of rice) about helping others. We also remembered our sisters who died last year.

Spring is the time to have Prayer Breakfasts in your local units. Also, I hope you have made plans to attend

the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska on June 13/14.

Ponder these questions from a former Spiritual Growth program: Am I a good listener? Am I sensitive to the emotional content of what others say to me? Am I in prayer and reflection on my spirituality through books, tapes, classes, conversations, etc.? What more can I do to be a better guide to others?

Carolyn Briggs, Spiritual Growth

It's Time to Walk to Mission!

Did you know that the Conference recognized our successful 2013 Walk to Mission? And, because we did have such a great success with our **FOUR** Walk to Mission events, we are going to continue with the tradition. Come to one, come to all four, just come walk! Do you have trouble getting around and don't feel you can participate? You can always sponsor a fellow Sister and/or come be a cheerleader. I don't know of anyone who couldn't use a little love and encouragement. So, mark your calendars, grab your friends, fill up your pledge sheet and we'll see you there!

All locations will be available for walking 9:00am to 11:00am rain or shine. Make sure to bring your pledge cards and your checks payable to "Uwharrie District UMW".

"ACT" for Social Action

Please continue to "ACT" on behalf of The United Methodist Women on our 3 Social Action areas of priority:

Human Trafficking

Domestic Violence

Immigration Reform

So, how do you take action? Do some research on the topics and

share what you have learned in a program or through a handout; participate in the reading program; brainstorm what you can do for local organizations that work on behalf of women, youth and children impacted by these three areas of social injustices.

Betty Hunt, Social Action

2014 Dates & Locations

Randolph County

Randolph Mall Asheboro • June 28th

Union County

July 12th • Monroe Crossing, Monroe

Davidson County

July 26th • Lexington Mall

Rowan County

August 9th • Salisbury Mall

Every dollar raised is used to support the mission and ministries of the United Methodist Women.

If you need help remember I am only a phone call away.

Deborah Matthews

Membership, Nurture & Outreach

The UMW Reading Program -- Why Should I Participate?

If you have not participated in the United Methodist Women's Reading Program, now is a great time to start. Between now and December read at least 1 book in each category: Social Action, Nurturing for Community, Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Spiritual Growth and read response Magazine. Learn about world and local missions, how to help your community, and increase your awareness of God's love.

Participation in the United Methodist Women's Reading Program allows us to learn, to grow in knowledge and in spirit. Education of children, youth, and women is important to us, so, too, is our continuing education as United Methodist Women. As we learn about the many missions across the globe supported by Methodists and other denominations we learn

about their cultures, their needs and wants.

Benefits and spiritual growth come as we practice what we have learned—how can I help another person who is in need of my particular skills or abilities. This does not have to mean some big project, but just what can I do to help another of God's children.

Spiritual growth too comes as we read more and more about God's love, how He nourishes our souls and how we can share that great love with others.

Books from 2010 to 2014 may be used and can be found at any District or Conference event or via Mission Resources (1-800-305-9857, www.umwmissionresources.org).

Ginny Champion Program Resources

So, What Actually IS A Mission Today Unit?

When you check in at the Program Registration area at the Annual Meeting in September you will be asked if you are a Mission Today Member. Are you exactly sure what this is? Your Unit President surely knows but you should too.

As United Methodist Women, we are all about mission. Working to become a Mission Today Unit helps ensure that we, as local units are fully engaged in mission. The criterion for being a Mission Today Unit involves activities of spiritual growth, education for mission, social issue awareness, leadership development and membership development. Actively engaging in these areas of activity:

1. Helps us to stay well rounded in our endeavors as UMWomen;
2. Ensures that we use all available mission resources throughout the organization;
3. Helps us to fully understand where all the money goes;
4. Ensures that we have a complete understanding of our mission to women, youth and children;

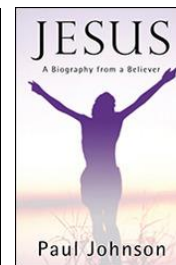
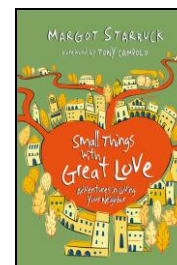
5. Have a full understanding of mission including social justice as a mission; and are Energize United Methodist Women as to increase our desire to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action.

How Do We Become a Mission Today Unit? The full list of criteria (included in this newsletter) can be overwhelming but with a little patience you too can come to understand them and their importance in being an engaged United Methodist Unit. Take some time looking at each item; you'll probably see that you already fulfill many of them.

In order to be recognized as a Mission Today Unit, UMW Units must complete a minimum of twelve items on the list. There are several key concepts (#'s 1-9) that are marked with an asterisk (*). Four of the twelve completed tasks must come from these "key concept" criteria. And then finally, of these the four "key concept" area, #1, meeting your pledge for the year is required.

So, are you ready to help your unit become a Mission Today Unit? Should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact your Nurturing Partner.

Let's Read!



\$15.00
**Nurturing for
Community**

\$17.99
**Spiritual
Growth**

Small Things with Great Love by Margot Starbuck reminds us that we do not great sums of money or lofty or complicated plans to show others God's love.

A welcoming smile, a handshake, a hug acknowledge a person: these are doable acts. We don't need grand adventures to interact with those in need of love and understanding. Margot Starbuck gives us some helpful, easy ways to get better at the things that really matter. A personal study guide and a 6-week guide for small groups is also included.

Jesus: A Biography from a Believer by Paul Johnson is a moving biography of the man who changed the world. Using the 4 Gospels, the author acquaints us with the times and people in which Jesus lived and how they interacted with him. Jesus met many people and took time to teach, listen, chat, and dine with them. He lived in cruel times, but showed love, compassion, and mercy. "I am the way, the truth and the life" is still there for we who follow.

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Spiritual Growth Retreat



Lake Junaluska • June 13-14

With Rev. Tiffany Thomas of South Tryon Community
Church, Charlotte

Special Music By:

James Jones and Patrick Scott of
Myers Park UMC, Charlotte

Lake Junaluska Singers

Mission u



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Social Issue:
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Geographical Study:
"The Roma"

Register online at www.wnccumw.org



Mission Today

United Methodist Women
Western North Carolina Conference

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
Become a Mission Today Unit!!

The purpose of promoting a Mission Today Unit is to:

Energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action. Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so the United Methodist Women understand where their money goes. Encourage the use of mission resources through United Methodist Women. Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

What is a Unit?

A unit is any organized group of United Methodist Women within a church or district. Some units are composed of several circles, which periodically get together for a unit meeting.

How Do We Become a Mission Today Unit?

In order to be recognized as a Mission Today Unit, UMW groups must complete a minimum of twelve of the following criteria, including six of those marked with an asterisk (*). **#1 of the Criteria is not optional. You must complete this one to become a Mission Today Unit!** Activities conducted between January 1-December 31 will be recognized at annual meetings the following year. This is an ongoing program, so strive to become a Mission Today Unit!

Criteria:

- *1. **The Unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission. (Must be completed.)**
- *2. Use the *Prayer Calendar* at each general meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and our mission work with women, children and youth. A new *Prayer Calendar* is printed each year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- *3. The unit will use at least two programs from the *Program Book* during the year. A new *Program Book* is printed every year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- *4. The unit or circle will conduct or participate in at least one mission study each year. Contact your district or conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn what the studies are for each year. (If members of your unit, other than a conference or district officer, attend the conference Mission u (formerly School of Christian Mission) or your District Mission Study and your unit takes an action growing out of the study, Gift to Mission, ministry related to the study, etc., your unit will meet this criteria.)
- *5. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to response (1 member subscribing with units less than 15 members). Order from Magazines With A Mission, \$24.00 for a year's subscription. New World Outlook is also available from Magazines With A Mission, \$24.00 for a year's subscription.
- *6. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways during the year. Possibilities are:
 - a. Have members read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures;
 - b. Sponsor an interethnic event between two or more units;
 - c. Recruit women of color to be members and officers of the unit;
 - d. View the DVD on the Charter, "In Search of Racial Justice". Your District President has a copy for use;
 - e. Use the "Resources for Racial Justice: Tools for UMW Leaders" handbook. (Available on our conference website on the "Downloads Available" page, and on the "Mission Today" page.)
 - f. Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.

- *7. Become a member of the Western North Carolina UMW Justice Today (formerly Charter Club). See link to info on Justice Today at our conference website, www.wnccumw.org.
- *8. The unit will add at least two new members (one member for units with less than 15 members) to its roll.
- *9. The unit will have one program from the *Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2012-2015*.
10. At least one member of the unit (other than a conference or a district officer) will attend Mission u (formerly School of Christian Mission) and report back to the unit on classes and events they experienced.
11. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members), other than a conference or district officer, will attend the district or conference annual meeting and report back to the unit about the event and what they experienced.
12. The unit will have at least one person joining the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information at least three (3) times a year. (To join, contact the United Methodist Women Washington Office, 100 Maryland Avenue NE, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20002. (Attach to Mission Today report what you responded to and what action was taken.)
13. Members will correspond with five persons listed in the *Prayer Calendar* at least once a year.
14. The unit will co-sponsor, with the local church, a Children's Sabbath. (This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children.) The United Methodist Women National Office and the Council of Bishops support this effort. Children's Sabbath materials are on our website.
15. The unit will contribute to all Five Channels of Mission Giving.
16. Each unit or circle meeting will include a "response Moment" where an item from response magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
17. The unit will sponsor one teen member (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman member (ages 18 to 39) to at least one conference event during the year.
18. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members), other than a conference or district officer, will attend a district Prayer Breakfast, district Day Apart, or conference Spiritual Growth Retreat.
19. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members), other than a district or conference officer, will complete Plan 1 of the Reading Program and give a report to the unit on one of the books read.
20. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year and/or for their United Methodist Women's Sunday.
21. The unit will add one new teen (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman (ages 18 to 39) circle during the year, or one new teen member (ages 12 to 17) or one new young woman member (ages 18 to 39) during the year.
22. Each unit will be responsible for supporting at least one local mission project and participate in one Conference Hands on Mission Project during the year. The local project should be listed on your Mission Today report.

Be a Mission Today Unit!

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